

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A presentation system, comprising:
 - 5 a plurality of data units, including a plurality of data types;
 - a selector that provides access to said plurality of data units and that receives selection, from a user in a single user action, of ones of said plurality of data units;
 - 10 an indexer communicatively connected to said selector, wherein said indexer indexes the user selected ones of said plurality of data units into a primary index to form a presentation;
 - a launcher, wherein selection of said launcher by the user transfers the primary index to a final index accessible to the user throughout the presentation, and wherein selection of said launcher by the user launches the presentation;
 - 15 at least one secondary index accessible to the user throughout the presentation and comprising a plurality of secondary data units, wherein selection by the user of an indicator transfers the presentation from the final index to the secondary index, and wherein, upon selection of ones of the secondary data units, the selected ones of the secondary data units are presented in the presentation, and wherein, upon completion of presenting the selected ones of the secondary data units, the presentation returns to the final index.

2. The presentation system of claim 1, wherein the final index comprises a plurality of sub-indexes, wherein said at least one secondary index is selected from the plurality of sub-indexes.

5 3. The presentation system of claim 1, wherein the accessibility to the final index throughout the presentation comprises a split-screen of the presentation.

4. The presentation system of claim 1, wherein said secondary index comprises a departure reference to a point of departure from the final index.

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5. The presentation system of claim 1, wherein said selector comprises programming associated with a processor.

15 6. The presentation system of claim 1, wherein each of the data units comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of textual information, graphical information, video information, audio information, and combinations thereof.

20 7. The presentation system of claim 1, further comprising a storage for the presentation after the presentation is indexed by said indexer.

8. The presentation system of claim 1, wherein said storage comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of a cache, a RAM, a ROM, a hard disk, a floppy disk, and a remote storage.

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9. A presentation method comprising:
 - granting a user access to a universal data unit list;
 - receiving a plurality of selections from the universal data unit list from the user;
- 5 indexing the selected data units into a presentation index;
- receiving a presentation launch instruction from the user;
- launching the presentation in accordance with said receiving launch instruction;
- providing access by the user from a single user action to the presentation index for a duration of the presentation;
- 10 temporarily suspending presentation of the presentation index in favor of a secondary presentation from a sub-index, in accordance with a received user suspension instruction; and
- automatically returning to the presentation from the secondary presentation following completion of said temporarily suspending.